GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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IOCL STAKE IN GAIL
PRABHA RAU;VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation Limited propose to sell its 4.8% stake in the Gas Authority of India Limited;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) the extent to which the GAIL propose to make up its deficit, if any, consequent on the withdrawal of IOCL`s share?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) IOC intends to realize the value if its investment in the equity of GAIL and consequently reduce its borrowing from the market.

(c) Sale of shares of GAIL by IOC implies change in the shareholding pattern of GAIL and not any deficit to GAIL.